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In re Application of

MICHAEL J. KIRKWOOD, et al.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action mailed October 23, 2003, the shortened statutory period for which runs until January 23, 2004, please reconsider the subject application after amendment as indicated herein.

Please amend Claims 7, 8, 11, 18, 21, 28, 31, 38, and 41 as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims and Remarks are presented on separate sheets below. A supplemental declaration conforming to 37 C.F.R 1.67(a) is attached herewith.